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FY 2006 BUDGET AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Colorado National Monument Park Superintendent Bruce Noble today announced that the park's annual performance plan and documents providing details about the appropriated budget and fee revenues for FY 2006 are available for public review as required by the "National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998."

Highlights of the park's budget, which funds specific goals in the annual performance plan, include:

\$129,000 for resource preservation and management

The category of resources includes the natural and cultural resource preservation programs, wildlife management, controlling invasive plant species, restoration of disturbed lands, cultural landscapes, historic structures, geographic information system, water quality monitoring, vegetation management, archeological and paleontological sites are maintained in good condition, and the preservation and protection of museum objects. The park also received \$30,000 in additional Project money to prepare an Ethnographic Overview and Assessment.

\$313,300 to address visitor services

Includes a variety of interpretative and educational talks, walks, slide program, outreach to local communities, park publications, website, wayside exhibits, park brochures and environmental education program. The bulk of this funding goes toward proactive road and back country law enforcement patrols, emergency first aid and/or search and rescue operations as needed.

<u>\$119,045</u> in estimated fee revenue retained by the park for the Cost of Fee Collections at the entrance stations and campgrounds.

\$351,000 for facility operations and maintenance

This category includes fixed expenses of utilities (electric, propane, water) for all the park owned buildings as well as repair and upkeep of those facilities. This funding covers park-wide trail maintenance, vehicle and equipment maintenance, utility water and sewer systems operations and maintenance, road maintenance and snow plowing of roads and parking and housing areas, grounds and campground maintenance and repair, solid waste disposal, radio

and phone systems maintenance and repair and janitorial services, and maintaining housing for seasonal and required occupants.

\$100,000 in Fee Demo project Public Land Corp money for the maintenance of trails and drainage structures.

<u>\$434,000</u> in Fee Demo project money for Repair/rehab to install Fire Alarm System to Historic Buildings, Recoat and Rehab Interior of 3 Sewage Lift Stations, Re-roof/repair 2 Campground Comfort Stations, rehab Serpents Trail Erosion Mitigation, Parking Lot and Road Striping, Tunnel Height Signage, Hazard Rock Removal at Tunnel #2 and Mitigate East Shop Hazmat issues.

\$324,600 for park administration

This includes superintendent, direct administrative support services, budget/fiscal support, human resources management, contracting and procurement, property management, permanent change of station costs, payroll, travel, office services, budget and finance, government housing management and information technology

\$9,000 of project funding provided to Update Phone System.

A copy of Colorado National Monument's complete annual performance plan, prepared in accordance with the "Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)," is available by writing to Colorado National Monument, Friuta, CO 81521 or on the Internet at www.nps.gov/colm

The goals described in the park's annual performance plan are derived from the NPS Strategic Plan, which establishes a performance management process for the Service and incorporates the requirements of GPRA. The Strategic Plan is available on the NPS home page at www.nps.gov